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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN EMBASSY RESPONDS TO CHARGES AGAINST MOBUTU

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1. EMBASSY OF ZIARE IN CONAKRY ISSUED COMMUNIQUE DATED SEPTEMBER 29 (JUST RECEIVED) GIVING SCATHING REPLY TO LETTER FROM "PORTUGUESE PROGRESSIVE MILITANT" BROADCAST OVER "VOICE OF REVOLUTION (REFTEL). COMMUNIQUE STATES ZAIRE EMBASSY OBLIGED TO EXPRESS ASTONISHMENT AND DECEPTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ZAIRE. THAT PUBLICITY GIVEN TO LETTER FROM "IRRESPONSIBLE AND VULGAR PORTUGUESE SUBJECT" WHICH SHOULD NOT HAVE MERITED BEING REGARDED AS OTHER THAN "RIDICULOUS" AND "LACKING IN MORALITY OR INTELLECTUAL HONESTY". COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAVE MADE MANY SACRIFICES IN CAUSE OF INDEPENDENCE AND HAVE BEEN PRAISED BY LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS. MOBUTU'S WORK FOR CAUSE OF PEACE ALSO HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ZAIRE HAS ENOUGH RICHES NOT TO NEED TO COVET THOSE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY. ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ZAIRE COMING FROM "VOICE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF REVOLUTION'S PORTUGUESE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT" COULD ONLY

HAVE ORIGINATED IN A DERANGED MIND WITH LITTLE IMAGINATION.

- 2. COMMUNIQUE FURTHER STATES THAT ONE SHOULD ACCEPT THAT AFRICA IS A CONTINENT COMPOSED OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES. MEETING BETWEEN SPINOLA AND MOBUTU OCCURRED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF TWO TOTALLY FREE AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND CANNOT IN ANY CASE BE SUBMITTED FOR EVALUATION OR APPROVAL OF ANY AFRICAN OR OTHER STATE NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL ITS "POLITICO-ECONOMIC-MILITARY-REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION". ZAIRIAN PEOPLE KNEW THAT SUCCESS OF THE POLICY OF THEIR CHIEF WAS SURE TO AROUSE JEALOUSIES OF "THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED BECAUSE OF THEIR NARROW-MINDED POLICIES. THEY CAN INVENT LIES, BUT ZAIRE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE IN THE JUST WAY THAT IT HAS CHOSEN WHICH IS LIBERTY IN ITS AUTHENTICTY". COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT FACIST PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WAS OVER-THROWN BY CAPTAINS MOVEMENT WHICH CHOSE GENERAL SPINOLA AS ITS CHIEF. LEADERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES SAT AROUND TABLE WITH MEMBERS OF SPINILA GOVERNMENT. ZAIRE RECOGNIZES THAT THOSE LEADERS MUST BE MORE INTERESTED IN LIBERATION OF PORTUGUESE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
- 3. COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT LEADERSHIP OF POLITICAL BUREAU OF MPR, ZAIRE'S POLITICAL PARTY, RESERVED RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT REGARDING GUINEAN RADIO COMMENTARY WHICH SEEMED TO LEND CREDIT TO THE SERIOUS CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE CHIEF OF STATE OF A FRIENDLY AND BROTHERLY COUNTRY WHO HAS OFTEN BEEN PROCLAIMED AS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GUINEAN POLITICAL PARTY (PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE). COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED BY TELLING PEOPLE OF GUINEA THAT THEY CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THE SINCERE FRIENDSHIP OF PEOPLE OF ZAIRE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL AND DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS.
- 4. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR LEFT CONAKRY ON OCTOBER 1 FOR RETURN TO KINSHASA. TODMAN

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